Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am not aware of it.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—How is it the Government did not think it fit to have this Fire Insurance Branch opened?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Well, that question has been under active consideration of the Government whether Mysore Insurance Department would also undertake that work. The file is being worked out and the Government have not yet taken any decision in that behalf, so far as I can understand.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಿ. ಆರ್. ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ನರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪೊರ್ಸ್‌ಲೈಫ್ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದೆ? ಜಪಾನಿನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅದು ಉದ್ಭವಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Government Soap Factory (Selling Agency).

Q.—875. Sri G. PAPANNA (Sidlaghatta-Chickballapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether tenders had been called in respect of the agency for the sale of soap manufactured in the Government Soap Factory, when it was called;

(*b*) the number of tenderers;

(*c*) the number of tenders accepted?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes, in September 1953.

(*b*) 72.

(*c*) No tenders were accepted.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ.—ಯಾವ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನೂ ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ Industrial Concernಗಳವರ ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರು ಕೂಲಂಕಷವಾಗಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಆ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳು ಅಂಗೀಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರುತ್ತೇನೆ.

The Board examined in great detail the several tenders received for the agency of the Soap Factory from various areas and noticed that strict formalities with regard to the tender conditions were wanting in one or more respects in several tenders. These deficiencies related to non-existence of the tender deposit and security deposit, non-compliance with the guarantees of minimum business; non-specification of precise terms regarding commission, etc. The Board did not consider it desirable to waive the conditions in respect of any individual businessman even as an exception. For want of observance of formalities with regard to the tender conditions, it was resolved that under the circumstances, the tenders received for consideration be recommended to Government for rejection. Based on this recommendation of the Board, the Government have rejected all tenders.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ.—ಈ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವನವಾಯಿತು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ನುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಮೇಲಾಯಿತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ.—ಆ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಟೆಂಡರು reject ಆಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಹೌದು, ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—May I know since when the Soap Agency is given to the present agents and since when did they commence this practice?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I think the same question was discussed on an earlier occasion.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The question had appeared but on that day the questioner was not present.

In the case of Sri K. S. Gowder & Co., he has taken up the agency from April 1949; Deshmudre & Co., from February 1947; Associated Sales Corporation, Bangalore, (Dewan Bahadur Ramaswamy, now no more and his son Sri Subbarao is carrying on the business) from March 1942; Amrithlal Oja & Co., Calcutta, from January 1933; and B. M. Sup Sande and Brothers, Nagpur, it is from July 1937.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—May I know what is the commission that the Government have paid to each one of the agents?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—From the date of their agencies respectively, Sree K. S. Gowder & Company was

*Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

paid Rs. 3,08,519, Desmudre & Brothers were paid Rs. 4,05,652, the Associated Sales Corporation was paid Rs. 1,80,027, Abdul Roza & Company Rs. 68,841 and Desmudre Subsade & Brothers Rs. 10,829.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government considering the question of having their own sales organization for this?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That has been examined and it was found that the cost would be more than what we have now been paying by way of commission and Government have now thought of reducing this commission considerably.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that during some periods, soap was not available in the open market and black-market was prevailing?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Perhaps you are referring to past history. I have not got any authenticated report. That is the kind of impression created in the mind of the people when the commodity is rare. It is bound to create some kind of inconvenience in the market.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Why should there be monopoly for some of these persons?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If an agent by his sweat and labour builds up his business, it is generally not the commercial practice to disturb the agency of that particular individual unless there is something against him. That is the practice that has been followed by various industrial concerns.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—What was the period stipulated for each of these agents *viz.*, K. S. Gowder & Co., Desmudre & Brothers, etc.; was any time fixed?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Time was fixed at the original instance and we have gone on extending the time as and when their period has expired.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Did the original contract contemplate the extension of time?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Not the original contract; but, if they have done satisfactory business, Government having considered their cases as and when the agency period expired, have gone on extending the period.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Was it not the practice before that as soon as the period expired, new tenders were called for and the applicants would be selected from amongst the tenderers?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Now the whole thing has to be examined afresh and we have now got various zones and that question will have to be decided soon by the Government.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that after the rejection of all these tenders, the old agents are being continued even till to-day?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—As a temporary arrangement.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Was it with a view to help these persons that all these tenders were rejected?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We have not got any preferences or prejudices; it is solely in the interests of the business.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Out of the 72 tenderers, how many are old tenderers? Have all the old agents given the tender?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—They too have come forward.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Who are the new people that have given the tender?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That is quite a big list. Quite a large number of people have now applied.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—65 or 66 of them are new tenderers; is it so?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I believe it is even something more. Now after the Board recommended to Government that the system of tender may be given up, we have called for applications and quite a large number of people have applied. I believe if I can give you the figure, it is somewhere about 200 and odd.

Water supply to Arkalgud Town.

Q.—863. Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the people of Arkalgud